determine the quality and content of the programmes being broadcast; (iii) the upper age limit of 62 years for the CEO; (iv) the retirement of one-third of the members by rotation, which provided for continuity in the functioning of the Board; and (v) the appointment of two full-time members for Finance and Personnel and replacing them with only part-time ex-officio members. The removal or modification of these provisions is considered detrimental to the proper functions of Prasar Bharati as originally envisaged.

(c) Yes, Sir. The Government have initiated action for introducing a bill for restoring the provisions of the original Prastu Bharati (Broadcasting Corporation of India) Act, 1990 during the current session of Parliament.

Construction of Dwarka High Power Transmitter

687. SHRIMATI URMILABEN CHIMANBHAI PATEL: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Government of Gujarat had requested the Ccr/tral Government for early sanction for construction and establishment of transmitter and tower at new site selected for Dwarka High Power. Transmitter;

(b) if so, the detalis thereof; and

(c) the likely time taken for it to be completed?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SMT. SUSHMA SWARAJ): (a) Yes, please.

(b) and (c) Site has been selected and taken over. It would take about 3 years time to complete the project after the scheme is sanctioned depending upon availability of adequate resources, infrastructural facilities etc.

राजस्थान में चौहटन स्थान पर टी.वी. ट्रांसमीटर

688. श्री ओंकार सिंह लखावत : क्या सूचना और प्रसारण मंत्री यह वताने कि कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) क्या राजस्थान के बाड़मेर जिले में चौहटन स्थान पर उच्च शक्ति वाले टी.वी. ट्रांसमीटर का निर्माण किया गया है; यदि हा., तो इस संबंध में कार्य कब पूर्ण हुआ;

(ख) उक्त ट्रांसमीटर पर कुल कितना व्यय आया; और

(ग) उक्त ट्रांसमीटर से प्रसारण कब तक प्ररंभ होने की संभावना है।

सूचना और प्रसारण मंत्री (श्रीमती सुषमा स्वराज): (क) उच्च शक्ति ट्रांसमीटर, बाड़मेर का स्थापना कार्य (स्थायी तंत्र) चल रहा है। तथापि, अंतरिम तंत्र का कार्य 1993 में पूरा कर लिया गया था।

(ख) इस परियोजना पर अभी तक 511.95 लाख रूपये व्यय हुआ है।

(ग) स्टाफ की स्वीकृति तथा उनकी तैनाटी होते ही नियमित प्रसारण शुरू कर दिया जाएगा जो एक सतत प्रक्रिया है।

Mafia Elements in Film Industry

689. DR. Y. LAKSHMI PRASAD: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether the role of mafia elements in the film industry had been affecting the activities of the genuine film producers; and

(b) the measures proposed to curb the growing indulgence of mafia elements and the role of black money in the film industry?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SMT. SUSHMA SWARAJ): (a) and (b) The Central Government do not have any specific information in this regard. However, consequent to the grant of industry status of this sector, this Ministry has initiated proposals with the objective of making it eligible for institutional and bank finance.